

Worksheet

Next Generation of Recommended Purpose Statement

I. Recommendation related to Statutory Section 3(2)(b):

“A review of the **purpose** and **goals** of the current certificate of need program, including the relationship between the supply of health services and health care outcomes and expenditures in Washington state.”

II. Purpose (Technical Advisory Committee 12/17/05 proposal to Task Force):

Be it resolved that:

The certificate of need program shall be one element contributing to the Washington public policy goal of providing for all its citizens reasonable access to quality health care, at a reasonable cost, while contributing to the optimization of the health status of its citizenry.

III. Revision (Task Force 1/3/06 Request back to Technical Advisory Committee):

Incorporate submitted “Additional Recommendation A” (as follows) into the proposed purpose section:

A state owner of health care policy and planning needs to be identified. The plan needs to be clearly articulated, with accountability for maintaining a relevant process utilizing specific criteria for the health outcomes of its citizens with the focus on quality, access and cost containment.

IV. Discussion Tool (Staff-prepared integrated purpose statement):

All residents of the State of Washington shall have reasonable access to quality health care at a reasonable cost as a benefit of a state health care policy and planning process which is clearly articulated and accountable for maintaining a relevant process utilizing specific criteria for optimal health status of which the certificate of need program shall be a key regulatory component.